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Over-head tank

* 648 *Q.*—SRI V. SUBBIAH: Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state what action was taken on the resolution of the Koilpatti Panchayat Board regarding the construction of an over-head tank for the supply of drinking water?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: No resolution from Koilpatti Panchayat for the sanction of the construction of the over-head tank under the Local Development Works Programme was received by Government. The Collector of Tirunelveli had however requested the Government for permission to take up the work under the Local Development Works Scheme. The request could not be acceded to as Koilpatti Panchayat lies inside the Koilpatti Community Development Block and the sanction of works under the Local Development Works Scheme in Block Areas is prohibited.

SRI V. SUBBIAH: நம்முடைய மாகாணத்தில் கோவில்பட்டி ஒரு பெரிய நகரம். பொருளாதாரத்திலும் சிறந்திருக்கக்கூடிய அங்கே குடி தண்ணீர் வசதியின்றி மக்கள் படுகிற கஷ்டம் கொஞ்சநஞ்சமல்ல. பெரிய குளங்கள் இல்லாத அந்த நகரத்திற்குக் குடி தண்ணீர் சப்ளை செய்ய லோகல் டெவெலெப்மெண்டு வொர்க்ஸ் மூலமாக ஏற்பாடு செய்ய அரசாங்கத்தார் முன் வருவார்களா ?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: கோவில்பட்டியில் உள்ள கஷ்டத்தைக் குறிப்பிட்டு குடி தண்ணீர் வசதி அங்கு செய்து தரப்பட வேண்டும் என்பதை ஒப்புக்கொள்கிறேன். லோகல் வொர்க்ஸ் திட்டத்தின் கீழ் அது முடியுமா என்பது சந்தேகம்.

Shooting of certain species of birds

* 649 *Q.*—SRI A. A. RASHEED: Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have recently issued an order prohibiting hunting of certain species of birds in Chingleput and other districts; and

(*b*) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: (*a*) The Government have issued orders prohibiting shooting of certain species of birds around the Vedanthangal Bird Sanctuary covering certain taluks of Chingleput, North Arcot and South Arcot districts from August to May. This is an extension of a previous order which covered only a radious of 20 miles in the Madurantakam taluk alone. The species of birds listed have also been amplified.

(*b*) Vedanthangal is an important sanctuary for migratory birds. It has been observed that the birds take shelter not only at Vedanthangal but also at other lakes round about. With a view to afford protection to the birds resorting to the sanctuary and its neighbourhood and save them from unscrupulous shikaris shooting them indiscriminately, the ban on the shooting of these birds in the extended area has been imposed by the Government from August to May.